Democratic Rally here at the Court House this Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock. Everyone invited.

Farmerette Complains Because Driller Strikes Oil on Land

FRISTOE, MO. — When a well driller told Mrs. Lou Brooks Thomas, 73, that he had struck oil on her farm, she objected.

"All I want is good drinking water," she said, "and you can't get that from an oil well."

Bill Barnes, the driller, related that he hit a pocket of oil while re-drilling a water well on Mrs. Thomas' farm, near this west-central Missouri town.

Mrs. Thomas ordered the well sealed with concrete and another one drilled nearby. In drilling the second well, Barnes reported finding a similar rock formation and a slight coating of oil on the water at 102 feet. Mrs. Thomas told him not to go any deeper. She said she was afraid he might strike oil again.

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Absent-Minded Professor Forgets Back-Seat Driver

CHARLOTTESVILLE. IND. — W. J. Cunningham, 72, Cambridge, Mass., a retired professor in the Harvard graduate school of business, and his wife, Ethel, 64, were driving home from a 6,000-mile vacation trip to the West coast.

He stopped the car at Greenfield, Ind., to look at a road map. Mrs. Cunningham got out to mail a post-card.

Forty-five minutes and 30 miles later, Cunningham was driving along U. S. 40 when he noticed his wife wasn't in the car.

Cunningham started back to find her. En route, he stopped at Knightstown, Ind., and called a state policeman. Cunningham parked his car and joined Trooper Fred Forst.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Jack Rubush saw a well-dressed woman walking on the road with a crowbar in her hand.

"Are you in trouble?" he asked.

"No," the woman replied. "But I'll tell you a funny story about an absent-minded professor."

Rubush drove Mrs. Cunningham to Charlottesville and there they met Forst and Cunningham.

Cure for Snow Trouble

Dr. H. S. Krakauer of Boston, N. Y., doesn't worry any more about ice or snow blocking his car in the garage of his modern new home when he has urgent calls to make. When snow begins to fall, Dr. Krakauer merely turns up a small gas-fired heater in the garage. Hot water is pumped through sinuous coils of 1¼-inch wrought iron pipe embedded in the concrete of the 45-foot driveway to the street. He keeps the snow melting system in operation until the storm subsides and all the snow is melted. Anti-freeze is added to the water to protect it while the system is not operating.

Professor Claims Solar System Has 'Lost' Planet

COLUMBUS, OHIO. — The solar system once may have had 10 principal planets instead of the present known nine.

That is the theory of Dr. Carl A. Bauer of the University of Michigan observatory.

Bauer told a meeting of the American Astronomical society that his theory is based on a long-standing hypothesis. The belief is that such a planet also was the parent of the thousands of asteroids or minor planets which inhabit the portion of the solar system between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter.

The supposed planet, Bauer said, would have had a make-up similar to that of the earth; nickel-iron ore, intermediate shell of stony-metallic material and an outer mantle of rock. The planet probably was smaller than the earth and therefore solidified earlier, he added. Bauer estimated that the planet exploded several hundred million years ago.

Ben Franklin on Taxes

In his autobiography, Benjamin Franklin says: "Friends and neighbors, the taxes are indeed very heavy, and if those laid on by the government were the only ones we had to pay, we might the more easily discharge them; but we have many others, and much more grievous to some of us. We are taxed twice as much by our idleness, three times as much by our pride, and four times as much by our folly; and from these taxes the commissioners cannot ease or deliver us by allowing an abatement. However, let us harken to good advice, and something may be done for us. 'God helps them that help themselves.'"

Science Answers Questions About Moths and Fleas

WASHINGTON.—Does a moth chewing your best suit sound like a person munching corn flakes? (Answer: yes.)

How far can a flea jump? Answer: Some farther than others.)

Sure, you know all about uranium, mesons, neutrons and all that atomic stuff—but how well informed are you on some of the other frontiers of science?

A Cornell university scientist wanted to know what sort of sound a moth makes while chewing fabrics.

He sewed a moth larva in a cloth sack. The larva had to chew his way out. As he did so, the scientist made a phonograph record of it.

The noise was indeed like a man eating corn flakes.

Scientists once became interested in how far a flea can jump. It turned out some fleas can jump farther than others. Sounds silly, but out of the study these scientists were able to help solve the riddle of bubonic plague.

Fleas Can Jump.

It showed that fleas can jump from dead rats to live rats and man and thus revealed how they carry and spread the plague, the Black Death of the Middle Ages that killed millions of people.

These scientists were so curious they even counted the number of plague germs the flea's stomach could hold—5,000. And then they learned a curious thing.

This plague flea belches. If he is feeding on a human being, and belches, he acts as a living hypodermic needle.

A lot of big men are doing a lot of little things that next week or 20 years from now may add years to your life, or make earning a living easier. (Or they may produce a military weapon more deadly than the atom bomb.)

Climate and Baldness.

English scientists want to know whether climate, and some other things have anything to do with baldness in men.

They decided a study of the upper lips of women—where fuzz sometimes grows—might produce some important facts about the ability of people to grow hair. They're giving the upper lips of women in Great Britain, Sweden and some other countries the once-over.

Preliminary findings seem to indicate there may be a relationship between baldness and the thickness of the skull, that the thicker the skull the more hair.

Army scientists are curious about how the mosquito found G.I.s concealed in foxholes in the deepest jungles of the South Pacific. They've decided the odor of perspiration may attract mosquitoes, but they're testing other scents, too.

Paint Products for Fabrics

A function of the paint, varnish and lacquer industry little known to the general public is the formulation and production of finishes for fabrics and paper. These finishes are made by the manufacturers of specialized production finishes. Some have a pyroxylin base and are used very largely on fabric. Other types have other bases. One use for such specialized finishes is in the making of ordinary oilcloth, as distinguished from linoleum. Paper products which are made to resemble leather, including certain types of book and catalog covers owe their attractiveness to specialized production finishes. Use of such specialized production finishes for fabric and paper is so extensive that the bureau of census issues monthly statistics on the subject.

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Tuesday, November 2nd, is election day.

Bald Law Student Defeats Coeds for Queen Title

UNIVERSITY, MISS.—A slightly bald law student, Frederick T. Carney, defeated three coeds in a queen election at the University of Mississippi.

Billed as "the candidate with the fringe on top," Carney led the field with 610 write-in votes.

In a campaign speech he said: "Gen. William T. Sherman said, 'if I'm nominated, I'll not run; if I'm elected I'll not serve.' If I'm elected I will serve."

But the student executive council ruled Carney out because he had not submitted his candidacy before the deadline. They ordered a run-off between a couple of the girls.

Wide Railroad Gauge Used Almost Exclusively by U. S.

An interchange of railroad equipment throughout the world is unlikely because of the difference in track gauges in the various countries. Once a gauge has been long used in a country it is difficult to make a change because bridges, tunnels, stations and other railroad appurtenances have been built to match it.

The United States, which, with about 225,000 miles of track, has by far the largest amount of track in the world, uses the so-called standard gauge of 4 feet 8½ inches. Other countries that use the standard width track include Canada, Cuba, Holland, Hungary, New South Wales and Turkey.

Russia uses the five-foot gauge. As a result of the wide track, various expedients had to be used to supply that country with new equipment in the war.

Another gauge widely used is the so-called meter gauge of 3 feet 3⅜ inches. This is almost the exclusive gauge in Puerto Rico, French Sudan, the Malaya peninsula, Bolivia and Dutch Guiana. It applies to a large part of the mileage in Brazil and it is found on some mileage in nearly all the principal countries of Europe and Asia.

Spout Spr

Spout Spring, Oct. 20.- Mrs. Harry Ballard and of Hampton, Va., visited home of her parents, M F. O. Jones last week-end.

Miss Clarkie Cheath brother, Aubrey, were guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M mond visited his parents end.

Mrs. Ernest Smith are spending this wee parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolden entertained the young the Spout Spring Bap at their home, with a party last Friday even contests and ghost brew was served. All joyed the occasion.

Rev. S. P. Hawes, umbia, Tenn, is visiting Mrs. F. M. Shirey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. recent visitors in the George Carson.

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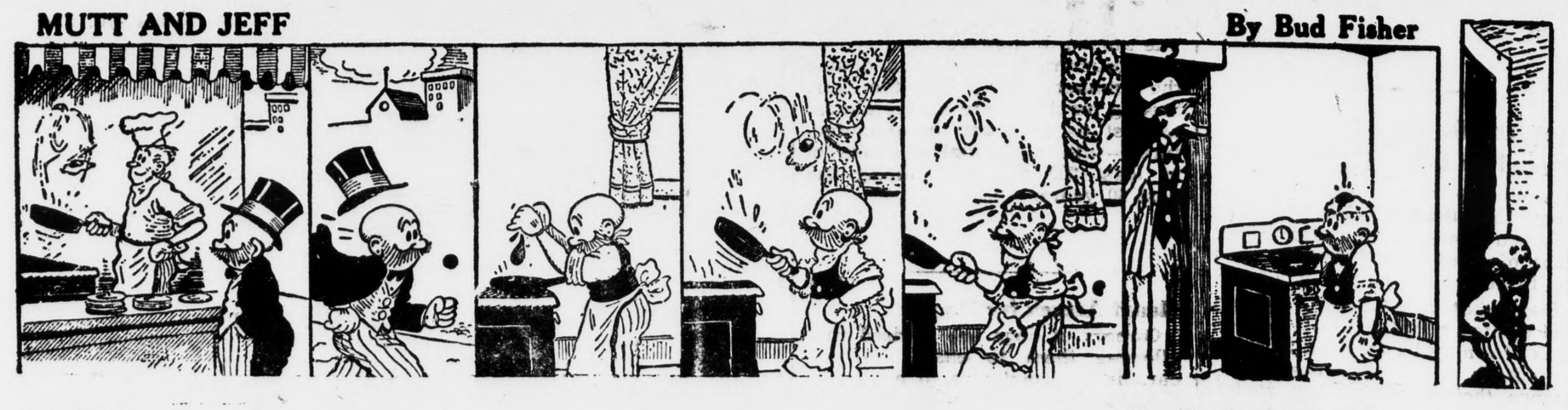

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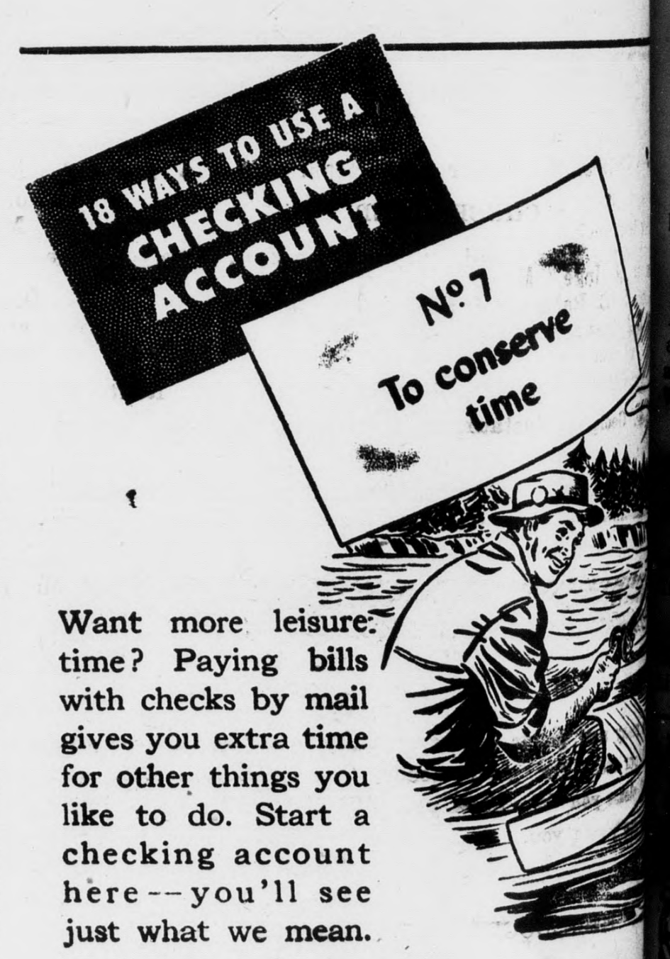
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Rocks News

Rocks, Oct. 18.- Farmers are busy sowing wheat.

A killing frost came last night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams and son, Steve, of Waynesboro, spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Rocks B. T. U. received the Efficiency Banner at the Group Rally held at Evergreen recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children and Mrs. W. C. Ranson went to see Mrs. C. M. Evans at Charlotte Court House awhile Friday night. They found Mrs. Evans better.

Friends aare glad to know that Mrs. Atwell Powell (nee Clara Marsh) is improving after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh were in Lynchburg last Wednesday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Atwell Powell.

Mrs. D. W. Dinkins and Miss Odelle Ranson, of Lynchburg were visiting in the neighborhood awhile Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and daughter called to see her mother, Mrs. Henry Goin on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Ranson entertained with a birthday dinner for her husband Sunday. The following were present. Mrs. W. F. Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and daughters, Miss Annie C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ranson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ranson and Etta, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Ranson and Johnny, and the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter who called in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tanner and Lewis Baldwin, of Lynchburg and the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter, of Evergreen were visiting Cassie Baldwin Sunday.

Rocks, Oct. 11.- (Note, unavoidably omitted from last week's issue).- Farmers have been delayed with sowing wheat. They are busy shucking corn.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans to Amherst last Sunday, where they went to spend the day with relatives.

Betty Taylor celebrated her birthday last week.

Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mrs. Helen Inge, Mrs. S. C. Ranson, Mrs. H. F. Martin and Cassie Baldwin attended the Fall Rally of Group No. 4 at Liberty Church, Appomattox last Wednesday.

Donald Roach and Daniel Hamil- [illegible] ned Tuesday night from [illegible] to Chilhowie.

[illegible] W. Baldwin and children [illegible] the home of Mrs. Amos [illegible] Thursday afternoon.

[illegible] Ransone and Mrs. Nora [illegible] of Appomattox, were visiting [illegible] the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson recently.

The Home Demonstration Club held its October meeting with Mrs. Christine Ranson Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Nora Meadows, who has been at Appomattox for quite a while, has returned to her home in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and Danny, of Brookneal, attended Sunday School at Rocks Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson.

A number from Rocks attended the funeral of Mrs. Mildred Clark Saturday afternoon.

A number from Docks attended the Group Rally at Evergreen Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kress and daughters were moving to Appomattox today.

Loyd Richardson was helping C. S. Ranson Saturday.

Marsh Reunion

On Sunday, October 10, more than two hundred relatives and friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Marsh, near Oakville, for a reunion of children, grand children and great grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Marsh.

It was the first family reunion since the death of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh in 1933.

Those present from Lynchburg Richmond, Danville, Lovingston, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell were:

Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Mrs. Bill Bohannon and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Thomas and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Thomas and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Crocker, and daughter; Miss Virginia Coopper, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. James Morris and family, Miss Myrtle Paris and daughter; Bennie Paris, W. C. Paris and sons;

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marsh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hillsman and family, Mrs. J. M. Lucado, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lucado, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Brooks and son, John M. Lucado, James Lucado, Addie Lucado, Mr. and Mrs. Bransford Lucado;

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Doss, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Tweedy and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bryant and daughter, Tom Doss and daughter, Ferrel Doss, Cecil Litchford, Mrs. Vivian Bobbitt;

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Horsley, Mr. and Mrs. Abbitt Horsley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Horsley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horsley and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Childers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lynn and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Shelton and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Elliott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Elliott and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Phelps and daughter;

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Harris, Princess Kathleen and Ralph Harris; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harris, and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Harris and son, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lucado and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Childers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childers and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Childers, Thomas Childers, Leonard Childers, Jr.; Mrs. Ray Godsey and family;

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lucado and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lucado, R. H. Lucado;

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williamson and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Williamson and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williamson and family; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Phelps and son, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Marsh.

Guests were: Jane Crew, Marie Richardson, Delores Seamster, Winston Doss, Doris Caldwell, Edith Caldwell, Mrs. Mabel Jones, Mrs. Ethel Lucado, Miss Annie Carnefix, Mrs. T. M. Carnefix, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh, Mrs. Daisy Rogers, Mrs. Nannie Wilkerson, Mrs. Mabel Adams, Miss Elsie Gordon, Mrs. Lenora Watts, Miss Jay Phroel, Mrs. Louise Blanks, Mrs. Callie Coleman, Berkley Cabaness, and Jack Baker.

Family Reunion

Appomattox, Oct. 10.- Last Sunday, more than a hundred relatives and friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Millner, near Appomattox, for a reunion of the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mr. E. M. Burks, of Lynchburg. This was the first reunion the family has had. All the children of Mr. Burks were present except one.

Mrs. Millner's father, Mr. Burks, also celebrated his 76th birthday.

Those present:

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burks and children, Billy and Barbara Leigh; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Burks; Betty Burks, Roy A. Burks, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Burks, Jr.; Miss Emma Burks, Joyce Boatwright, Shirley Boatwright, Francis LeSeuer, William Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boatwright and granddaughter, Fay, Fred Boatwright, Florence Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powers and children, "Butch," Nancy and Donna; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Putt, Sandra Putt and Horsley Putt, Jr.; Murrell Millner, Jessie Milner, Jr., Orie Millner, Glenn Millner, and Ronald Millner, Marie Millner, Russell Millner; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dillon, J. D. Millner, Kenneth Arthur, Billy Layne, Douglas Layne, Wallace Arthur, Rodger Arthur, Sammy Arthur, Mary Comer, Rev. and Mrs. J. Marshall Walker and children, Martha, Timmy and Jimmy; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Comer, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Arthur, Fay Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garraghty, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Comer, Sandra Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hedrick and Jimmy Ray, Mrs. Lola Arthur, Wayne Arthur, Mazie Comer, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Comer, Doris Lee Comer, Berkley Comer, Miss Clarkie Cheatham, Aubrey Cheatham, Elliott Cheatham, Garey Cheatham, Ernestine Comer, Nelson Comer, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Winters, Janie Caldwell, Mrs. Irvin Robertson, Mrs. Robert Spiggle and Barksdale Spiggle.

Bethany

Bethany, Oct. 19.- Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Paulette spent Sunday afternoon with Walter Paulette.

Mrs. Lizzie Tucker, of Brookneal spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Curtis Paulette and Mrs. Katie Allen.

Mrs. David Paulette and Bonnie Faye Paulette spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morris, of Madisonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Mott Harvey over the week-end.

Mrs. Thomas Ashwell, of Lynchburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette.

Emmitt and Ora Paulette and Buddy Campbell spent Sunday in Richmond in the home of Miss Cecile Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Moore, of Madisonville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

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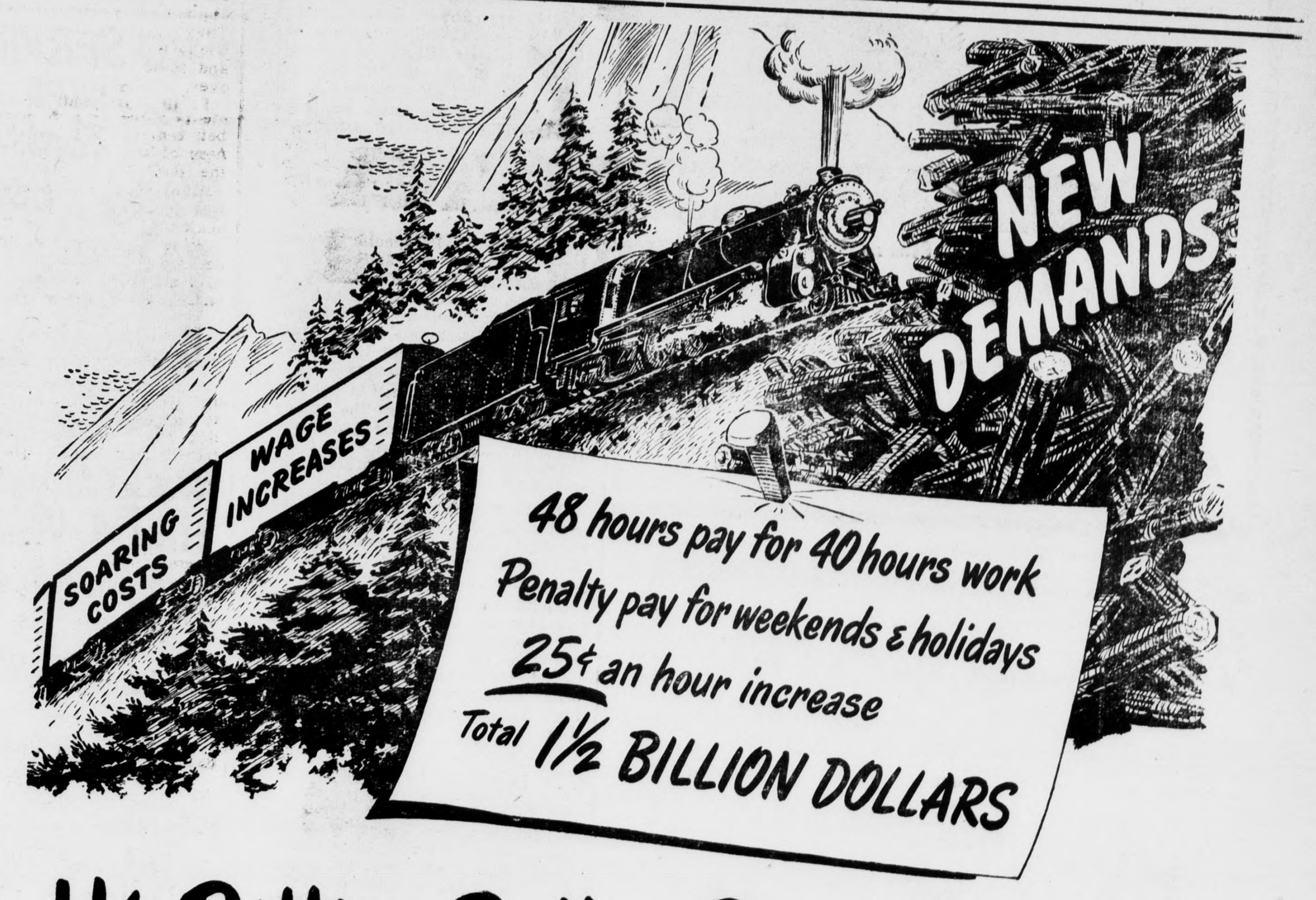

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You'd pay the bill, because if these increased costs are forced on the railroads, they must have still further rate and fare increases.

Demands Unreasonable

These employes have had substantial raises during and since the war. Their average weekly earnings are higher than the average weekly earnings of workers in manufacturing industries. They have more job security than the average worker in American industry. They also enjoy paid vacations, a retirement system and other advantages more generous than the average worker receives.

In contrast with the demands of these 16 unions, which add up to the equivalent of 48c an hour, the Conductors and Trainmen recently settled their wage request for an increase of 10c an hour.

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The railroad industry must serve not one but many groups—producers, businessmen, shippers, passengers and the general public—night and day, every day of the year. These unions are proceeding in utter disregard of this important difference between railroads and other industries. Industrial plants can be shut down over weekends and holidays, but freight, mail, express and passengers must continue to move. *Everybody who enters railroad employment knows this.*

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